

PHILIPINOS ARE MOVING FORWARD

Dr. Goodrich Says That Now, for First Time, Natives Have Justice.

NOW SAFE TO GO ANYWHERE

Cry Against American Soldiers' Barbarities Did Not Take Into Account Provocation.

Rev. Dr. Goodrich, who has worked for many years among the Philippines as a missionary and who has done much to forward the translation of the Bible into the many different languages in use in those islands, preached last night on "The Moral Condition of Our Island Possessions" to a large congregation in St. James Methodist Church.

Dr. Goodrich spoke at length on his subject, drawing from a large fund of intimate and personal knowledge of the phases of the Philippine life and from an equally large store of personal experience as a missionary among the Filipinos.

Dr. Goodrich showed that the Filipinos are infinitely better off to-day under American rule than they had ever been under the regime inflicted upon them by the Spaniards. He said that the progress of the good work is shown by the establishments of the courts of justice, by which the natives are enabled to secure justice for the first time.

They also have more political liberty than ever before, they elect all their own officers, except the governor and the judges. Another advantage given the natives, under the American regime, is the establishment of the school system, which opens up to them a wider field of opportunity than they ever dreamed of before. They have public schools in every province, all of which are under the direction of American teachers, trained in American schools. He spoke very highly of these men, giving them credit for a large amount of the work done in bettering the Philippine condition to-day. The schools are crowded every day, and the little Filipinos, he said, prove themselves to be very apt pupils.

Travelers Are Protected.

In referring to the outlaws and brigandage that was so rife in former times, he said that it is safe now to go anywhere in the provinces on account of the native constabulary, who are to-day affording a most efficient protection.

Dr. Goodrich then went on to tell of the vast amount of good that is being accomplished by the missionary force in the field. For the first time in the history of the Philippines the Bible is being translated into the native languages, to which there are thirty in number.

Dr. Goodrich, who spent six years in these islands, and who has done much work in translating, says that they have broken ground in nine languages already. In the Bible has been entirely translated, in three others the New Testament, and in five others portions of the New Testament have been translated. The church now has 18,000 members, which means that the population of 20,000,000.

As the speaker referred to the missionaries and their noble work he waxed eloquent, and spoke in fervid tones of the unswerving loyalty with which they underwent every hardship and which filled the patient hearts with a light to carry the good to the heathen.

He cited numerous instances of young men who had gladly and willingly laid down their lives in advancement of the cause of one who had traveled all alone through a hostile territory and so had brought many into fold of another religion. He said that alone in a wild country, and had never been heard of since; and of another who had journeyed far and had accomplished much, and returning to Manila to die of cholera. Dr. Goodrich spoke with great feeling and pathos, visibly affecting the audience, by his relation of the noble sacrifices that had been sacrificed always for the work of the missionaries.

Cruelty Exaggerated.

In an interview after the services, Dr. Goodrich stated, in reply to the question as to the answers raised about the cruelty of the American soldiers, did not take into account the horrible provocation to which they had been subjected.

The extreme measures used by the soldiers had been the means of saving life in the end, as it put the natives in dread of the retaliation they might expect. And he said, further, that the isolated cases of barbarity caused by the treachery and duplicity of the natives had been held up as being the general rule among the large masses of the population.

When asked as to whether the Filipinos were becoming more satisfied with, and more amenable to the American rule, he said that it was the most difficult question that could be put to him, as there is the most trained observer, and one who had the most intimate knowledge of the people could never tell whether the outward signs of docility and content that might be manifest did not at the same time cover a secret desire and purpose of insurrection.

As being the character of the oriental people, upon whose faith and good intentions it is always most difficult to base a correct judgment. Among the intelligent class he thought, however, there is a growing feeling of content and satisfaction under the American regime.

Influence of Sorrow in Life

Rev. Mr. Melton Talks on Its Ministry and Alleviation and Gives Comforting Messages.

"The Ministry and Alleviation of Sorrow" was the subject of the morning sermon at Marshall Street Christian Church yesterday. A large congregation, many of whom have recently experienced great sorrow, was present. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Melton, said, in part:

Let us at once recognize the fact that sorrow is a real part of life. There is not a man whom sorrow has not touched nor a pathway which it has not clouded. It walks in company with the heart that is glad and speaks to the child whose joys are free from care. Sorrow is real. Life is made up of sunshine and shadows, of joy and sorrow mingled. Preach, said the aged man to the young minister, to the brokenhearted and you will be sure of a congregation, for in every pain there is at least one brokenhearted person.

The first and best of every sorrow is a sign. The infant cries before it smiles and thus utters a prophecy of life. The sorrows of life may be traced to any one of many sources. Bodily affliction, a despondent disposition, business adversity, a faithless friend, the death of a loved one, or our own sin may find the life with sorrow.

God forbid that we should undervalue

the blessings that may come to our lives from sorrow when rightly understood.

Sorrow to the trusting soul is wealth. It gives depth and comfort to our whole being. It is a wonderful awakener. The intellect, memory and conscience are quickened and sharpened. A baptism of sorrow generally precedes the spiritual life. The young man writing of his father, who is a minister, says: "Since mother's death there has been an entire change in father's acting and living. Before mother's death father's preaching was formal and unreal, now he has taken to heart ploughing. He digs down to the virgin gold of God's word. He is urgent, keen and powerful, and God is using him mightily in saving the lost. Such has been the experience of many lives of both ministers and laymen. The person with sorrow can more fully understand the race to which he belongs and can more perfectly sympathize with those who weep. Sorrow calls forth latent energies. Richard Baxter, who was said to 'write daily,' wrote a volume making at least sixty thousand pages. At the same time his labors as a minister formed his chief employment for many years. Abraham tolled on his way to Mount Moriah under a storm-cloud of sorrow. The sorrows of Joseph and his brethren, the more glorious when he becomes premier of Egypt. There is a purpose in every tear and a beautiful, tender ministry in every sorrow.

The trial of our faith will be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of our Lord. How may sorrow be alleviated?

1. By natural means. The faithful doctor would urge the following reasonable method of alleviating sorrow, and they are in harmony with God's law. Employment: Keep busy. Don't brood over your troubles. Take a walk in the fresh air. Fix the mind on things that are beautiful and sunny. A beautiful landscape is a benediction to a sorrowful soul. Good, sound sleep gives wonderful relief. Music greatly alleviates a sorrowful mind. If your sorrow is caused by the death of a loved one, select some friend and show them kindness that you used to show to the deceased. The reflection of a life upon your own life will be wonderful. These things will mitigate sorrow, but, if sorrow is to be destroyed, something deeper and more thorough is demanded.

2. We must look to God for help. The help He gives is not taking the sorrow away, but in helping us bear it. Will you hear just a few of His precious promises to troubled hearts? May these rich promises be to you messages from God to strengthen your faith, brighten your hope and clear your vision. "I will be with you always." "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come unto you." "My peace I give unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in me, and wait patiently." Though we walk through the valley and shadow of death Thou art with me; Thy rod and staff they comfort me." These are only a few of God's comforting messages. These promises teach us that when we are in sorrow, God has always been with us and will continue to be with us in every experience of life. He knows all of our sorrows, and if we continue to trust Him, He will bring us out of the darkness of sorrow into the day of joy.

GREATEST THING.

Truthfulness Above All Else. Interesting Sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Forsyth preached at St. Paul's last evening from the first chapter of Paul's epistle to the Romans, duty and the beauty of truthfulness. He referred to the bad reputation for the vanity of the Cretans, to whom Titus was sent as their first bishop, and said that their character must have been such as to merit this reputation, else St. Paul would surely not have quoted their great poet and philosopher, Epimenides, to the effect that the truth was not in them.

He dwelt on the absolute necessity of truthfulness to Christian, or even moral character, and spoke of a teacher of boys who systematically insisted to his charges that they must fight instantly any one who should in the slightest degree impugn their truthfulness, and to another high-minded person who was accustomed to ask his son every now and then, "What is the greatest thing in the world?" and to require the answer, "To tell the truth."

Mr. Forsyth is now giving ten-minute talks immediately after the Sunday evening services on Confirmation. He invites any and all who are present at the services to remain for the talks, explaining that they commit no one and are given only to those who desire them, and who wish to be confirmed, but for that of all who are interested for any reason whatsoever in the subject treated. Last evening quite a large proportion of the congregation remained for the talk.

SIX HUNDRED PRESENT.

Dr. Stone, of Baltimore, Makes Strong Appeal to Young Men.

Rev. Dr. Timothy Stone, pastor of the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, delivered a strong address yesterday afternoon, in the Broad Street Methodist Church, to the Young Men's Christian Association men's meeting.

There were about six hundred present, and all listened with great interest and appreciation to the strong, forceful address of the speaker.

Dr. Stone, in his address, showed in the course of his address, that no man can hope to accomplish anything in this world unless he is animated by some vision, by some spiritual ideal which will make for the general uplift of character and right living. The aim of every young man's life must be to live in the world, to live in the material surroundings of the day, and he must have before his mind's eye, some vision of after accomplishment, drawing him ever onward and upward.

Dr. Stone made a very strong and forcible address, and the teachings which he set forth seemed to be very effective with the large body of young men who were present. The program was greatly added to by special music, and the singing of the male quartette.

Several Members Received.

At the Second Baptist Church yesterday afternoon, Dr. L. J. Haley, the pastor, preached in the morning, and at night the services were conducted by Dr. W. C. Taylor, who is adding Dr. Smith in a series of revival meetings. At the close of each service several persons professed conversion.

It was announced that the women's cottage prayer meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Whitfield, 206 East Grace Street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Services will begin at 8 o'clock and will be held every night during the week. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Whitfield, 206 East Grace Street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Italian preacher, Rev. Avaristo Giam, has charge of the Italian school at Tampa, Fla. With the help of Miss Anna Brown, this work has been one of the successful enterprises of this year.

Cheerful reports come from West Tampa Mission, of which Miss Valdes is principal. Every child of the roll is a member of the Junior League and Sunday school.

The Italian school at Ybor, Fla., is also flourishing. The Sunday school numbers 202. The night school of Cubans and Italians is well attended.

The Spanish Mission at St. Louis, Mo., is doing good work. Miss Nordbush is deaconess.

The Home Mission Society at Little Rock, Ark., has recently employed a deaconess at First Church.

The roll shows 534 pupils at the Sue Little school, London, Ky. The most efficient leadership of Professor J. C. Lewis, the standard of Christian living.

OPENING DAY TO-MORROW AT MILLER AND RHODES.

New spring goods have been pouring in big stores of the above named concern for weeks past, preparatory to a formal opening of the spring season.

The firm decided to have this opening March 13th, 14th and 15th, and so when the Broad Street and Sixth Street doors open to-morrow morning the finest display of merchandise ever seen in Richmond is promised.

Potted plants and flowers will be seen throughout the house, but beautiful as these things are, they will pale into insignificance before the showing of New Suits, Skirts, Coats, Vests, Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods, Ribbons, Gloves, etc.

Richmond people are quick to appreciate anything out of the ordinary in the way of merchandise display, and Miller and Rhodes promise that to-morrow's exhibition will show anything of a previous nature in this city.

is well worthy of the emulation of Christians everywhere.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions will hold the annual meeting in April at Asheville, N. C. Let all home missionaries who can attend get the inspiration they cannot fail to receive at the meeting of these consecrated women.

The auxiliary of the First Place Church, re-elected officers for the ensuing year. Much has been accomplished for local needs, repairing the church, etc. New work has been outlined and great things are ahead of us. We are not contented with what we have done, and what we are doing, looking to our Great Leader for guidance and wisdom.

God grant that we may have the "faith that will not shrink," for we know "to doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would be sin."

(Signed) LILLIAN M. WILKINS, Corresponding Secretary.

Richmond, Va.

MANY CONVERTED.

Great Meetings Held at Pine Street Baptist Church.

Yesterday was a big day at Pine Street Baptist Church. Dr. Dudley preached four sermons, his address being on "The adult department of the Sunday school. The 10 o'clock service in the Sunday school was very tender and fruitful. There were present in the Sunday school 973, and when at the close of the sermon in the school Dr. Dudley extended an invitation there were nine or ten professions of faith.

The 11 o'clock sermon was from Genesis, 42:33. The theme was: "Heaven on Earth," and the sermon was a masterpiece with good results. Dr. Dudley preached a beautiful and powerful sermon to the people, and at the 2 o'clock meeting the boys and girls there were a number of professions. A large number of men were on hand at the 3 o'clock meeting, which was a service long to be remembered.

At night the crowd was more than could be accommodated, quite a number of people being turned away after all seats had been occupied and there was no more standing room to offer. The night service was the best service of the day. Dr. Dudley's text was from Deut. 32:11, 12. He dwelt on the fact that his sermon for the day, he put his heart into his effort, and when the invitation was extended, fourteen or fifteen people came forward.

There were professions of faith at each of the four sermons. The number of converts at the twenty-four o'clock meeting, Dr. Dudley will continue to preach each night through the week at 8 o'clock. There will also be a half-hour prayer meeting, beginning at 7:30 each night. The meeting is growing in interest, and great crowds are expected.

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Baptist Sunday School Association Choose Him to Succeed Mr. W. D. Duke.

TEACHERS NOT KEEPING PACE

Retiring President Says Effectiveness of Teachers Not Meeting Increase of Attendance.

Attractive Programme Rendered At Hasker Memorial Church.

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Society was held yesterday at Hasker Memorial Church at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. E. M. Redford, president, and Dr. F. W. Stiff, secretary.

The following programme was well rendered by the local school:

Recitation, by Gladys McDowell; recitation, by Thelma Morris; recitation, by Carrie Ruth McDowell; recitation, by Carrie Woodworth; recitation, by Carrie Mullen; recitation, by Gladys and Ruth McDowell; recitation, by Frankie Robinson. Addresses were made on Sunday school work the past twelve months, is given here:

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